WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A navigation apparatus, comprising:
word extracting means which divides input information comprised of a sentence or a plurality of words into respective words and then extracts one or more predetermined words from the plurality of words;

word-based POI information retrieving means for retrieving POI information related to each of the predetermined words extracted by the word extracting means;

selecting means which displays one or more POI information retrieved by the word-based POI information retrieving means on a display in a selectable manner; and

display means which displays map information to a destination based on POI information selected by the selecting means.

2.   The navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising phrase creating means for creating one or more phrases each of which is constituted from two or more words contained in the predetermined words, and phrase-based POI information retrieving means for retrieving POI information related to each of the one or more phrases created by the phrase creating means, wherein the selecting means displays the POI information retrieved by the phrase-based POI information retrieving means and the word-based POI information retrieving means on the display in a selectable manner.

3.   The navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined words include words which are contained in the sentence or the plurality of words and which have any meaning or relevancy with reference to any POI information.

4.   The navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein POI ID is assigned to each of the POI information, and each of the predetermined words and phrases is associated with its POI ID.

5.   Th navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 4, further comprising means for acquiring POI ID associated with each of th pr d t rmined w rds and prepared phras s wh n th POI information related to the words and phrases are retrieved, and means for calculating acquisition frequency of the POI ID for each of the words and phrases, in which the selecting means displays the POI information based on the calculating result of the acquisition frequency of each POI ID.

6.   The navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 5, where each POI ID is assigned with a weight based on the significance of the associated word or phrase, wherein the calculating result of the acquisition frequency of the POI ID is created taking the weight of each POI ID into account.

7.   The navigation apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the input information is inputted by means of audio input.

8.   A navigation system which includes an input device for inputting input information comprised of a sentence or a plurality of words, a navigation apparatus which provides POI information based on the input information and provides a traveling route to a selected destination, and a display for displaying map information relating to the traveling route, wherein the navigation apparatus comprises:
     word extracting means which divides the input information into respective words and then extracts one or more predetermined words from the plurality of words;
     word-based POI information retrieving means for retrieving POI information related to each of the predetermined words extracted by the word extracting means;
     selecting means which displays the POI information retrieved by the word-based POI information retrieving means on a display in a selectable manner; and
     display means which displays map information to a destination based on POI information selected by the selecting means.

9.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the navigation apparatus further comprises phrase cr ating means for creating one or more phrases each of which is constituted from two or more words contained in the predetermined w rds, and phrase-based POI information retrieving means for retrieving POI information related to each of the phrases created by the phrase creating means, wherein the selecting means displays one or more POI information retrieved by the phrase-based POI information retrieving means and the word-based POI information retrieving means on the display in a selectable manner.

10.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the predetermined words include words which are contained in the sentence or the plurality of words and which have any meaning or relevancy with reference to any POI information.

11.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 9, wherein POI ID is assigned to each of the POI information, and each of the predetermined words and phrases is associated with its POI ID.

12.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the navigation apparatus further comprises means for acquiring POI ID associated with each of the extracted words and the created phrases when the POI information related to the words and phrases are retrieved, and means for calculating acquisition frequency of the POI ID for each of the words and phrases, in which the selecting means displays the POI information based on the calculating result of the acquisition frequency of each POI ID.

13.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 12, where each POI ID is assigned with a predetermined weight based on the significance of the associated word or phrase, wherein the calculating result of the acquisition frequency of the POI ID is prepared taking the weight of each POI ID into account.

14.   The navigation system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the

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input information is inputt d by means of audio input.

15. A navigation method which comprises the steps of:
dividing input information c mprised of a s ntence or a plurality of words into respective words and then extracting one or more predetermined words from the plurality of words:
retrieving word-based POI information related to each of the predetermined words:
displaying the retrieved word-based POI information on a display in a selectable manner: and
displaying map information to a destination based on the selected POI information.

16. The navigation method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the steps of: creating one or more phrases each of which is constituted from two or more words contained in the predetermined words, and retrieving phrase-based POI information related to each of the created phrases, wherein the displaying step displays the retrieved phrase-based and word-based POI information on the display in a selectable manner.

17. The navigation method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the predetermined words include words which are contained in the sentence or the plurality of words and which have any meaning or relevancy with reference to any POI information.

18. The navigation method as claimed in claim 16, wherein POI ID is assigned to each of the POI information, and each of the predetermined words and phrases is associated with its POI ID.

19. The navigation method as claimed in claim 18, further comprising the steps of acquiring POI ID associated with each of the predetermined words and the prepared phrases when the word-based POI information and the phrase-based POI information are retrieved, and calculating acquisition frequency of the POI ID for ach of the words and phrases, in which the POI information based on the calculating r sult of the acquisition frequency

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of th POI ID is displayed on the display.

20.   The navigation method as claimed in claim 19, where each POI ID is assigned with a predetermined w ight based on the significance of the associated word or phrase, wherein the calculating result of the acquisition frequency of the POI ID is prepared taking the weight of each POI ID into account.

21.   The navigation method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the input information is inputted by means of audio input.